

Exhibit 3: Project Location Map

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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
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RE: Ballona Wetland Interim Stewardship Funding to MRCA, File No. 04-088

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed authorization to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to help implement interim stewardship activities and protect the resources at the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. The Trust for Public Land strongly endorses this assistance, which will complement our own efforts to protect this site.

The Conservancy-led restoration planning process has led to the development of an interim site stewardship and management plan, which the California Conservation Corps will begin implementing this spring. This grant will complement that work by providing ranger services to ensure that the improvements are maintained.

As I am sure you are aware, the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve is one of the largest and most significant wetlands in Southern California. Continued Coastal Conservancy leadership in restoring this ecological treasure is crucial if the Ballona Wetlands are reach their ultimate potential as a fully functioning tidal marsh. This grant will help protect the resources of the site while the long-term restoration plan is developed and interim site improvements, such as improved fencing, are installed.

I urge you and your fellow board members to support the recommended authorization.

Sincerely,

Reed Holderman
Vice President and Regional Director